

House Resolution No. 929

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State couples who have admirably demonstrated the strength, depth, and vitality of their love through the longevity of their marital vows; and

Whereas, fifty years ago Edwin C. Perkins took the lovely hand of his beautiful bride, the former Virginia I. DeFreece, as the two pledged their troth during a solemn wedding ceremony which was performed on January 29, 1955, at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Kansas City; and

Whereas, five decades later Edwin and Virginia Perkins of Kansas City observed their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary with a festive gathering of family members and friends in Arizona on January 29, 2005, with additional festivities planned for June 18, 2005, at their home in Kansas City; and

Whereas, the marital union of Edwin and Virginia Perkins has been richly blessed down through the years with the love and affection of their children, Margaret Burns, Theodore Perkins, Edwin Perkins, Jr., Andrew Perkins, and Stacey Sampson, and their five grandchildren; and

Whereas, Edwin Perkins is a military veteran who served in the United States Navy from 1948 to 1956; worked at Solar Aircraft in Des Moines, Iowa, from 1952 to 1953, General Motors Aircraft Division from 1953 to 1955, and Transworld Airlines from 1955 to his retirement in 1986; and joined the American Legion and a Home Owners Association Board; and

Whereas, Virginia Perkins worked at Travelers Insurance from 1951 to 1956, In-A-Tub from 1958 to 1992, and Platte County R-III School District from 1981 to 1985; raised five children; volunteered in children's sports, 4-H, and other activities; and joined Saint Therese Altar and Rosary Society in 1969; and

Whereas, Edwin and Virginia Perkins share an interest in golfing, traveling, and spending winters in Mesa, Arizona; and

Whereas, Edwin and Virginia Perkins have used the occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary to reflect on the many changes which have occurred in their lives, in society, and around the world since the blessed day they became husband and wife:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, productive marriage engaged in by Edwin and Virginia Perkins and to convey to them this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and our best wishes as they celebrate their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Edwin and Virginia Perkins of Kansas City, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Jason Brown
District No. 30

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 929, adopted March 7, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker